DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Joshua, the Attingal Municipality were told by the Government that, if they wanted to rebuild their school, they could have a loan from the Government on the security of their Municipal revenues. Of course, that will bear interest. But the Municipality have not yet thought fit to reply and therefore I am not able to give you a definite reply at present.

82. Vernacular Schools at Punalur.

MR. C. PERCY BHANU (*Member, Pattanapuram taluk*) said that some taluks were fortunate in getting a more than usual share of encouragement at the hands of the Government in the matter of education, but Pattanapuram taluk, as a whole, could not boast of a Government Vernacular Middle School. However, he said there was a building intended to hold classes up to the 7th, but it was dilapidated and unsuitable. The school was held in an old building situated in a low corner of the Taluk Cutcherry premises, in which, besides the Taluk Cutcherry, there were other offices also. This was very inconvenient and a building for housing the school should be constructed.

Considerable difficulty was experienced by the people for want of a separate school for girls. Girls were now being admitted in the boys' school, but this was found to be very inconvenient, and after a period, the girls ceased to attend the school. A separate girls' school was therefore an urgent necessity.

The difficulties of grant-in-aid schools were two in number. In the first place, Government allowed two schools to be conducted in the same locality in very close proximity. The consequence was that there were not enough pupils for either of the schools and, in some cases, it gave rise to unhealthy rivalry between the two schools. In the second place, the grants allowed to the private schools were paid only from the year from which they were sanctioned. This rule caused hardship to the managements which had to forego considerable sums of money because of the delay in issuing the necessary orders. Better arrangements should be made for this purpose.

The English Middle School built by the people of the locality should be raised into a High School.

The pay of the teachers in Pattanapuram taluk should be raised, as a special case, the increase taking the shape of hill allowance.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Percy Bhanu, the Director of Public Instruction will be asked to report upon the various requests that you have made. And some day when I go to Punalur, I shall be happy to look into those matters.

83. Cattle pounds.

MR. R. J. MACMULLIN (*Member, Central Travancore Planters' Association*) pointed out the dearth of cattle pounds in the locality, even though provision had recently been made for a pound at Vandiperiyar. The distances between this and the other pounds at Kumili and Arudai were so great as to restrict their usefulness. Further, since these pounds were all on the main road, the difficulty of taking the cattle from places away from the main road was great. Consequently, the owners of cattle had become emboldened to let loose their cattle. Besides being a nuisance to neighbouring land-owners, the stray cattle impeded motor traffic on the roads on the excellent condition of which he congratulated the Government.

He suggested, in conclusion, that, as in Ceylon, where the nuisance was as great, more pounds should be provided all round the locality, where they would be accessible to the people. It would be to the benefit of the whole community that owners of cattle were taught their responsibility in tending their animals.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Macmullin, on the representation of the Mundakayam Planters' Association at the twenty-first session of the Assembly, the Government decided to establish two cattle pounds in the locality you refer to. But they gave

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